The Declaration on Strategic Defense Cooperation
Between the United States of America and the Czech Republic

The United States of America (the United States) and the Czech Republic share a history of close ties between our people and our values, a commitment to democracy, a close defense relationship, and a willingness to confront common challenges and threats.

We believe that the development of durable and long-term strategic cooperation will increase the security of the United States and the Czech Republic, as well as the security of the North Atlantic area. The cornerstone of the United States-Czech Republic security relationship is the solidarity embodied in Article 5 of the North Atlantic Treaty, which provides that an armed attack against one North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) country shall be considered an armed attack against them all. The United States and the Czech Republic acknowledge the importance of enhancing their individual and collective security by working within NATO, the United Nations, and other international organizations, consistent with United Nations Charter and international law.

The United States and the Czech Republic have established a strategic dialogue to facilitate consultations on international security matters, including missile threats and international terrorism, that may affect the security and defense capability of the Czech Republic or the United States.

Cooperation on missile defense strengthens the strategic partnership between the United States and the Czech Republic. Both nations believe that such cooperation will bring long-term mutual benefits for their security relationship. In that regard, they note the conclusion of the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Czech Republic on Establishing a United States Ballistic Missile Defense Radar Site in the Czech Republic, done in Prague on July 8, 2008, and note the conclusion of the Agreement Between the United States of America and the Czech Republic on the Status of United States Forces Present in the Territory of the Czech Republic, done in London on September 19, 2008.

Today, both nations face a growing threat from the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and associated delivery systems. Missile defenses, including a radar site in the Czech Republic, provide a necessary and critical capability that can be used to defend both nations, and other NATO members, as well as other allies and friends from long-range missile threats, thus enhancing the security of the United States, the Czech Republic, and the North Atlantic area.

Within the context of, and consistent with, both the North Atlantic Treaty and the United States-Czech Republic strategic partnership, the United States is committed to the security of the Czech Republic. The United States and the Czech Republic will work together to counter emerging military or non-military threats posed by third parties or to minimize the effects of such threats. The increased strategic cooperation described herein would enhance the security of the United States, the Czech Republic, and that of the North Atlantic area.

The United States and the Czech Republic intend to enhance their security through cooperation in the following areas: